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If At First You Don't Succeed...



KEVIN SNYDER, a single sailer of North Lake Avenue, Southwick, is resolved: "not to get married in 1983 either."



NANCY DEVENO, stopped while shopping with her 3 year-old daughter, NICOLE, both of Southwick's Valley Brook Stables, plans to "slow down and be more organized in the coming year."

New Year's resolutions are made and broken every year at this time. Our recent person-on-the-street survey revealed that "getting into shape" after the holidays was number one on the list of priorities. Number two was "not making a resolution I won't keep again this year."

Those making vows to improve themselves in some way agreed that success depends entirely upon having an effective plan of action, whether it be a weight-loss pool at the office or a list or chart of "things to get done" and sticking to it.

Good luck to all our readers who want to make 1983 a better year in some way!

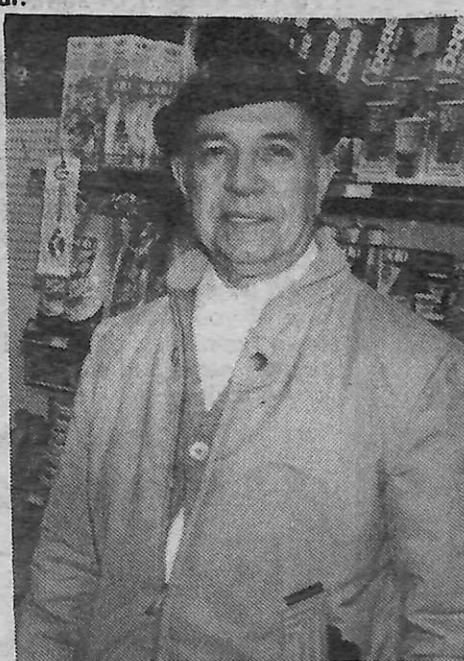
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JOHN LOFTUS



Office Manager at Southwick Jones Market, PEGGY MITCHELL, hopes to be able to visit her sister in Denver this year.



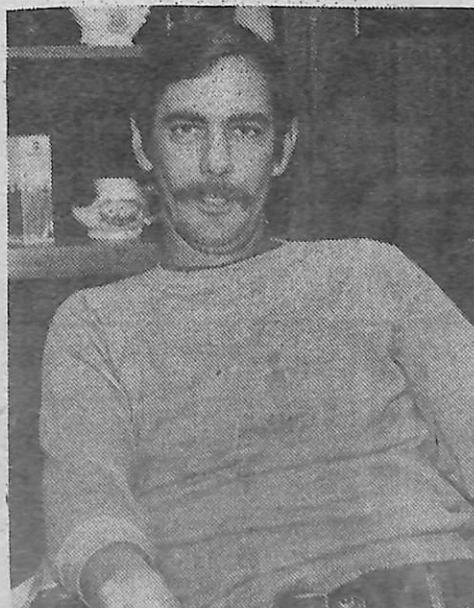
MARJORIE FULLER, here with her six month old daughter, NICOLE, and her mother, ROSEMARIE MCKEAN of Bonnieview Road in Southwick, expects to lose about 20 pounds (again) in 1983. The library book on dieting should help...



OVILA "JOHN" POISSON of Fernwood Road, Southwick, has resolved to save enough money to take an 18-day cruise to the Panama Canal with his wife and son.



While waiting at Dr. Kope's office in Suffield Village, twelve year old PAUL WOODBURY of Windsor Locks tells us he has no plans to improve anything. His mom, Ann, however, tells us she is not going to yell at her children so much.



Suffield native MITCH GOGULSKI resolves to "make more money" in the new year. A truck driver by occupation, he does automobile tuneups on the side. Need any work done??



Co-owner of Linnell Realty, NANCY COATES, hopes to see one of her two children out of college this year. Son Chris graduates from Washington & Jefferson College this June.



Registered Nurse NANCY LOISEAU ignores other goodies at the Dog House restaurant and puts sugar substitute in her coffee. "We formed a weight-loss pool at work and I'm going to lose about ten pounds," she says confidently.



Suffield policeman DAVID WINTER will be working to "save more money to build a house here in town." Married just last year, the couple plans to meet their goal by cutting back on extras. Good luck!

Waterman Leaves Selectman Post To Birmingham

By Cheryl Rutz

Suffield: Former First Selectman Earl Waterman reflected on his last five years in office by saying he feels very badly about leaving Suffield's Board of Selectmen, but added he was more than thankful to the town for the support and help he received while in office.

Waterman formally resigned on January 3 after accepting a post as state agricultural commissioner from Governor William O'Neill.

Waterman stated that there were no highlights during his years in office, but that many crucial matters, directly affecting townspeople, deserved equal attention. "I was always ridiculed by my own people for not capitalizing on my accomplishments," he remarked. "But I always told people that I was just doing my job."

Waterman said he is happy that the second and third selectmen decided to appoint him as advisor to the Board of Selectmen, and that they also want him to continue guiding the highway department here.

Second Selectmen Donald Robinson stated Waterman's resignation is a loss to the town, but added that he remains gratified about Waterman's opportunity to serve on the state level.

Ronald Birmingham, former administrative assistant for Waterman, was appointed to take over as first selectmen for the remainder of the term. He worked as administrative assistant for a little over a year and was also chairman of the Board of Finance for four years.

"Suffield will continue on," Robinson remarked. "I have total confidence in Ron Birmingham leading the town." He added that although Birmingham has "big shoes to fill," he will be able to handle the job.

Robinson also stated that he plans to continue as second selectmen in the "foreseeable future" and he will be on hand to assist Birmingham.

"Earl built the job into a big one," said Birmingham on Thursday. He added that Waterman spent much of his time organizing commissions and boards in Suffield, and said he plans to work on other concerns in town.

One of his plans is to develop a rural development program for the town because the construction of homes is the only tax base that exists in Suffield, according to Birmingham.

He stated that Governor O'Neill's plan to expand Bradley International Airport into Suffield is a good opportunity to develop a substantial tax base.



Former Suffield First Selectman Earl Waterman



Interim First Selectman Ron Birmingham

portunity to develop a substantial tax base.

Birmingham also maintains that taxpayers in town would benefit with a better business climate, but stressed that he does not want the town to become "industrialized." He noted that he has begun preliminary discussions with Continental Cable Company, which is considering relocating in Suffield.

He says that the company, which will be servicing Suffield with cable TV, is seriously considering moving to Suffield because of the town's central location and because the town supported the cable company's struggle to earn the franchise.

According to Birmingham, 30 to 40 new jobs would be created if Continental relocates here. Representatives from the company are presently laying out plans for the cable system, scheduled for completion in three years.

The Republican Town Committee will be meeting next Wednesday night to decide whether or not they will petition for a special election, according to Chairman Mary Dixon.

The committee has 15 days from Waterman's resignation to come up with a candidate to run against Birmingham, and have a petition signed by five percent of the town's registered voters.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To The Citizens Of Suffield:

It was with deep regret that I have tendered my resignation as First Selectman of Suffield in order to accept the appointment as State Commissioner of Agriculture by Governor William A. O'Neill.

The opportunity to serve you during these past five years as chief elected official has been a most rewarding and memorable experience. The road has not always been smooth, and to some, I was controversial. But always, my best intentions for the Town of Suffield guided my every move.

To that end, I want to express my thanks to every one of you. May the days ahead bring you and the town happiness, peace and prosperity. I hope to continue to serve Suffield in my new role as Commissioner of Agriculture.

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Suffield High Moves To Conserve Energy; Remove 400 Fixtures

By Cheryl Rutz

Suffield: During the Christmas vacation, custodians at Suffield High School removed 400 fluorescent tubes from lighting fixtures throughout the building to save on energy costs.

Assistant Superintendent Frank Albus explained at Tuesday night's Board of Education meeting that the lights were removed at the recommendation of John Slater, an Enfield engineer at Northeast Utilities.

Slater, a Suffield resident, toured the high school at the request of the Board of Education's Energy Committee. He inspected the building to determine ways in which energy could be saved.

According to Albus, the high school consumes 60 percent of the electricity used for the entire school system. He noted that Slater feels much of the building is over-lamped, especially the newer additions to the school (media and business sections).

Slater also advised that 300 watt lamps used in the gymnasium and auditorium should be replaced with 100 or 150 watt lamps for further conservation.

The board also made several appointments at the meeting. Mitchell Chester, a fourth grade teacher at Spaulding School, was appointed in a unanimous vote as Curriculum Council coordinator for grades K-5.

Also by unanimous vote, Stu Fuller, guidance counselor at the high school, was appointed test coordinator for the ninth grade. Board members noted that his name must be filed with the state because he will be organizing state efficiency exams.

The board also voted to hire John Johnston as a full-time physical education teacher at the high school, and Karen Carlson as a part-time physical education teacher at the school. Johnston was previously a part-time instructor.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Bernard Ellis explained that both of these teaching positions are temporary. He said the positions are to replace Barbara Novak, who is on maternity/child-rearing leave through May.

In other business, the board voted unanimously to approve a leave of absence for Early Childhood Education Principal Eileen Oleksak. She will be absent during the month of January and Dr. Ellis noted that this will be deducted from her vacation time.

Mrs. Oleksak will also receive a reduction in her work load when she returns. She will work only three days a week from February through June.

In her absence, a teacher at the Bridge Street School will be in charge. Albus noted that the job description for this temporary position will be posted so teachers can apply.

Lakes Committee To Recommend Lake Treatment

By Andi Phelps

The Congamond Lakes Restoration Committee is preparing a recommendation for selectmen asking that the town undertake a water cleanup project possibly involving alum treatment of the phosphates in the lakes, weed harvesting, and an extensive public education campaign.

The preliminary recommendations are the result of a December 29th committee meeting with Bay State Environmental Consultants, Suffield selectmen, and Suffield Conservation Committee Consulting Engineer Robert Kortmann.

Bay State has recently completed a \$40,000 study of the lakes' water quality in conjunction with the town's study of sewage disposal problems. Carlos Carranza of Bay State had recommended the nutrient inactivation treatment because of its reasonable cost to the town and quick results.

Carranza noted, however, that while the water may appear to be better the first few years of treatment, it will take several years for the lake to return to good quality conditions.

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Because a large percentage of the phosphorous load enters the lakes through ground water runoff and septic systems, the engineer said that up to 75% of the damaging agent can be eliminated by the dredging of Great Brook and the installation of community septic systems in the watershed area.

Both the dredging project and the septic system updating renovations in Southwick will be financed through other state and federal funds, thus making the lake cleanup a matter of maintenance, especially in this time of fiscal constraint, he said.

Suffield's former First Selectman Earl Waterman said that he is in total agreement with the proposal, noting, however, that finances in Suffield are also tight. He said that if Massachusetts was supplying the funds, Suffield would do anything it could to facilitate the cleanup work.

Waterman said that funds are not available for extensive sewage work, but Suffield could institute more stringent regulations for septic tank use and agricultural practices. He also said that Suffield could contribute its town employees' labor if the neighboring town could be considered as part of the local matching share of state aid.

Under the Clean Water Act, the state will finance 50% of maintenance cleanup techniques. The local community can contribute up to 25% of its share through "in-kind" services.

According to Carranza, work done by town employees with town equipment is usually considered a direct contribution rather than in-kind services. In-kind service involves work by a volunteer group, he said.

The project could also be financed through special legislation for lake maintenance in which the state would finance 70% of the work.

According to the engineers, the adding of alum to the lake water will form a chemical seal, thus starving the phosphates and preventing further algae growth. Carranza said that if the alum treatment proved effective, the town might also consider weed harvesting to further reduce poor water conditions.

The alum treatment, which is a chemically safe process used for water treatment for over 100 years, is estimated to cost \$39,000 yearly. Weed harvesting can cost \$36,000 to \$42,000.

Application for state aid must be made by January 21st. Receipt of Clean Water funds depends also on town meeting approval of local spending and a sub-state agreement with Suffield acknowledging that town's cooperation in the project.

The committee may aim for a June application for funding if it cannot determine a feasible solution within the next few weeks.

The committee is also considering an extensive public education campaign to let residents know just how they are contributing to the poor water quality. Another relatively inexpensive method to reduce phosphates entering the lakes would be a ban on high phosphate detergent.

The above recommendation and a plan for balancing wild life within the water are included in a report done by Kortmann for Suffield. The wildlife management techniques, if done properly, could have definite long-term effects on the water quality and also provide a more satisfactory environment for cold water fisheries, according to Kortmann.

Lakes Committee Discusses Funding With State Official

By Andi Phelps

In conjunction with an on-going feasibility study to improve water quality of the Congamond Lakes, local officials met December 28th with Dr. Richard S. McVoy of the Mass. Division of Water Pollution Control to discuss funding of projects for the lakes.

Dr. McVoy told John Scully, Kathleen Carlson, and Reginald Woodruff that the Department of Environmental Quality Engineering, through a new Clean Water Program has \$13 million available annually statewide. These funds are to be used for long-term restoration and preservation projects and short-term maintenance projects which would improve water quality in publicly accessible fresh water lakes which are used mainly for recreation. Application for this state aid must be submitted by January 21, 1983, he noted.

The Clean Water funds would pay for 70% of a feasibility study to determine sources of pollution and remedies for the lakes' problems, according to McVoy. He said that the state would also finance 50% of the actual implementation of the restoration project. Up to 25% of the town's share of the correction costs can be paid through "in-kind" services, actual work done locally by residents.

Each Project Considered Individually

McVoy said that each project is considered on its own merit when determining eligibility for state funding. He listed several criteria his office uses in its consideration, including historical and present recreational use, accessibility to the public, present water condition, and the importance the community puts on the cleanup work.

Although Congamond Lakes are part of the recharge area of the local aquifer, McVoy said the funding deals strictly with water quality for recreational use. The funding cannot be applied to flood control.

Southwick & Suffield Must Cooperate

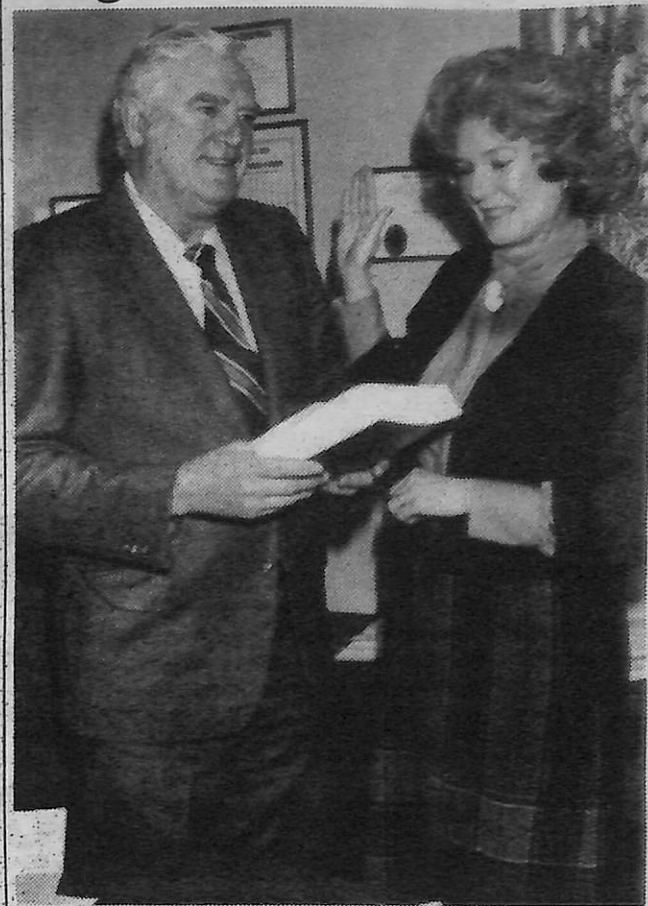
Because of the location of the lake on the border of two states, McVoy explained that Southwick must contract with Suffield to accept the project and keep up any necessary maintenance work. According to state law, Southwick cannot enter such an agreement without a special act of the legislature. Officials were unsure if state approval would also be necessary from Connecticut.

Southwick officials presently feel that, although Suffield selectmen have been responsive to cleanup projects, it would be difficult to force any major project on the bordering town.

Although the January deadline puts the application in a restricted time-frame, the feasibility study has already been completed in conjunction with the townwide study to update sewage disposal systems [See related story, beginning on page 2].

The Lakes Restoration Committee is preparing its recommendation for the project to present to selectmen for a decision within a few weeks. If the project is accepted for DEQE funding, it will then be necessary for the town to approve its share of the cost with a town meeting vote.

Judge Patterson Sworn In



FORMER SUFFIELD JUDGE OF PROBATE Samuel Orr swears in incoming Judge of Probate Beverly Patterson in a ceremony held at Suffield Town Hall this past Wednesday morning. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Senior Centers Hope To Relocate In Consolidated School

By Andi Phelps

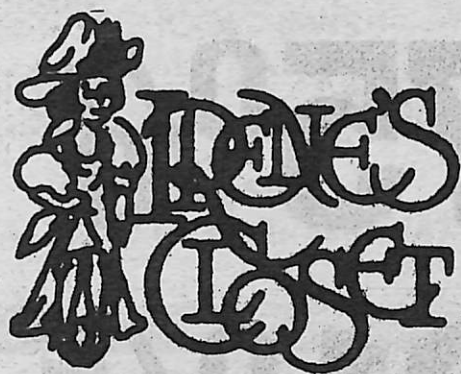
Southwick: By May, local senior citizens could be well-established in the now-vacant Consolidated School. Selectmen have given the seniors the go-ahead to make plans for relocating their club headquarters and the Council on Aging offices. Definite action is pending the seniors' acceptance of a contract allowing them use of the building indefinitely.

At a December 27th meeting with state and local officials, Council on Aging Chairman Arthur Redfern said that the Southwick Senior Citizens Club has \$10,000 to invest in a building project, but wants written assurance that the facility would not be taken from them at any time. Selectmen Chairman Russell Fox said his board has "no problem" with such an arrangement.

Lower Area Recommended For Seniors

Fox noted that the Building Use Study Committee had recommended that the seniors move into the lower area where there are kitchen facilities and ample meeting and dining rooms. Once bathroom fixtures and a lift to accommodate handicapped persons are installed, the area can be used for the state-sponsored nutritional program, according to Robert Dolan, program director.

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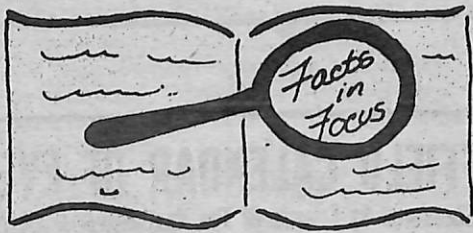
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January was named for the two-faced Roman god Janus, who presumably looked back into the past and forward into the future. At the end of the old year, we can look back with satisfaction or remorse. The future we cannot divine, but only hope for the best.

Through the years it has become customary to make resolutions which are apt to be pretty superficial, such as counting calories. Such vows may be kept for as long as a few weeks or even for a month, but if your willpower is nil, less than 24 hours, especially if there are still some holiday goodies around yet to be consumed.

Wouldn't it be better to start the New Year with a more lofty resolution, like rededication of the Golden Rule?

There are other ways to start the new year, and they are not resolutions per se. My father had his own little custom. Mid-morning on January 1st, he'd bundle himself up and start the rounds of calling on neighbors. This was not just a through-the-door handshake; he'd go in and sit for a real visit. Usually he'd stop home for lunch and start out again to finish his eight or a dozen houses.

His feeling was that sometimes your neighbors are the ones you see the least of through the year except for wave or a brief "How are you?" This way he made a warm contact and took enough time to catch up.

My Scottish friend, who spent New Year's Eve with us the year she was an exchange teacher, introduced a custom from her country. Unknown to us, when she arrived she had left a gift outside our door. Promptly after the stroke of twelve, she stepped out and closed the door, then rang the doorbell. When we opened the door, she stepped over the threshold carrying the gift. She called it "First Foot," the belief that if the first foot over your threshold after the new year carried a gift, you'd have good luck the whole year.

I have tried this on occasion since, but my problem is being wide awake enough after the stroke of twelve to make it to the house of my choice, or in the morning, managing to get ahead of another "first foot" not bearing a gift and yet be late enough not to rouse the family still asleep after reveling the night before.

As to my father's custom, it was enacted before television. Though the Tournament of Roses Parade was started on January 1, 1886, it wasn't until our modern days that we've been able to view it in our own living rooms. Perhaps a neighbor wouldn't appreciate the interruption of the afternoon either when just about everyone is watching the Rose Bowl football game, which started as an annual event on January 1, 1916.

Then again, on second thought, after a sumptuous holiday period, perhaps it would be a good idea to start counting calories!

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Connelly Legislation Signed...

State Funding Available For Flood

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: Selectmen have been notified that \$40,000 is available from the state for all expenses incurred from the June flooding. Through the efforts of former State Representative Edward Connelly, special legislation was signed by Governor Edward King Tuesday evening.

Much of the state funding will be used to replace the bridge at the transfer station that was washed out during heavy rains in June. The road was closed temporarily at that time and to allow access to the transfer station, the town constructed a temporary culvert and bridge until funds for a proper facility would be available.

According to Selectman Chairman Russell Fox, construction on the site will begin once a study of the dredging project for Great Brook has been completed. Fox said he "understands" the \$200,000 for this project is also available now. He said it would be impractical to construct a culvert without knowing the extent of dredging operations.

The \$40,000 in flood-relief funds will be available until 1987, according to officials. The restoration project will not cost the town any money, Fox said. The project will be designed to state specifications and the state will pay the bills up to \$40,000.

Selectmen also plan to ask the Department of Environmental Quality Engineering for a weekly status

report concerning the \$200,000 to be used for dredging Great Brook, the main outlet of Congamond Lakes. With the dredging of the brook, officials hope to alleviate flooding conditions during times of high water flow.

During heavy rain or spring thaw, the flow reverses because of overgrowth in the brook and the relatively small drop in elevation, less than five feet, as the brook goes north into Westfield. The dredging will not only lessen the possibility of shoreline flooding but will also serve to retard phosphate deposits into the lake.

In other business, selectmen denied a request from Robert Cantell to install two video games at the Mini Food Basket in the Grist Mill Plaza. According to Fox, the plaza has many vacant stores, a high rate of vandalism and is near a residential area. The board has denied similar requests from convenience stores, he said.

The board also plans to appoint a second dog officer next Wednesday. Persons interested in the position should contact the present dog officer, Daniel Rzonka of South Longyard Road for a more complete job description. Rzonka made the request for a second dog officer because he said there is just too much work for one person. In the past the town has had up to three dog officers. The \$2,100 budgeted for salary is divided among those holding the position.

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Fox explained to the seniors that, at this time, the board cannot make a definite commitment because of a pending option to rent part of the facility by a private firm. He said if Track News Service Inc. does rent the back portion of the addition to the building, the cost of heating the basement area would be greatly reduced.

Track News holds an option until the middle of February. In the meantime, selectmen are preparing a contract for the seniors to guarantee their use of the building. A target date of February 18th has been set for review of the contract.

Some State Aid Available

Once the seniors have committed their \$10,000 for the basic renovations, there is state aid available to make the facility more livable. State aid is available for furnishings and redecorating, according to representatives from Highland Valley Senior Services. State Senator Linda Melconian and State Representative

Michael Walsh, both of whom were present at the meeting, enthusiastically backed the project and offered support to the seniors in seeking state aid.

The seniors' Council on Aging headquarters are now located in a rented building on Point Grove Road. The building has recently been put up for sale.

The Consolidated Building would not only be more centrally located and more easily accessible than their present facility, but it also has better parking facilities.

The move would not cost the town any additional funds. The present rental charge, approximately \$3,600 annually, would be applied to heating and utility costs in the new location, according to Fox.

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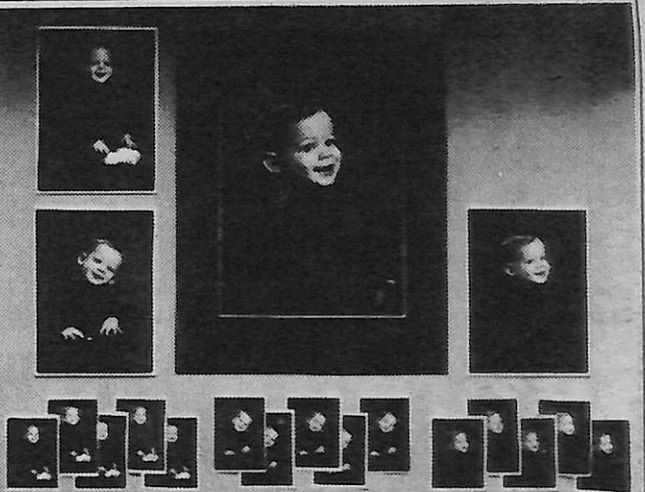
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Lineage Society Promotes Traditions Of Our Forebearers

By Pat Barnes

"It looks like we could be related," I said as Mabel Love of Suffield unrolled a very large genealogical chart filled in with the names of her forefathers. Names common to both her family and to mine showed up, generations removed.

"I guess we're all related if we go back far enough," Mrs. Love responded. She has been "going back" over fifteen years. Her charted family tree testifies to the dedication with which she has traced her lines back to the seventeenth century.

Actually, I had gone to speak with Mabel not so much about the charting of her family tree, but rather about the National Society of New England Women, a lineage society for which she serves as president of the local chapter.

This, I learned, is a group of women who were incorporated in 1895 for the purpose of "bringing together women of New England ancestry to engage in patriotic, educational, and charitable work and to perpetuate the lofty ideals and examples of their forefathers."

To be eligible for the group, Mabel explained, a woman must be over 18 and have an ancestor born in New England prior to 1789. The candidate must be able to document her lineage before she is accepted into the society. It was this eligibility requirement involving ancestry that started Mrs. Love and me talking about genealogy and the tracing of family lines.

Genealogy Buff

Mabel is a real genealogy buff, and her interest and fascination with the subject is very contagious. She brought out lineage books and showed me how one traces ancestry lines, referencing and cross-referencing, finding names, birth dates, marriage dates, death dates, and progeny.

Questions answered and names filled into the chart bring more questions to an ever-growing puzzle that seems limited only by the searcher's time, patience, and amount of commitment.

Lineage books are only one of the many sources for genealogical research, Mrs. Love said. Libraries, tombstones, cemetery records, census records, old bibles, ships' passenger lists, and archives all render valuable information to the patient pursuer. Getting hold of a good "how to" book on genealogical research seems to be a smart beginning for a novice, she indicated.



MABEL LOVE TRACES FAMILY ROOTS as president of the Hartford chapter of the National Society of New England Women. Mabel is a resident of Suffield and resides at 654 Thompsonville Road. She has been going over her family chart for fifteen years. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

As we tried to pull our conversation back to my reason for speaking with her, Mabel explained that most who become interested in genealogy become involved in one or more of the numerous lineage societies, each with specific eligibility requirements. Although members of such organizations share a common interest in genealogy, their activities center around doing volunteer work and supporting charitable causes.

The National Association of New England Women, for example, helps to support Clark School for the Deaf, the Kurn Hattin Boys School in New Hampshire, and the Girls School in Vermont. They also offer student loans as well as contribute to the Soldiers, Sailors, and Airmen Home.

In the case of all lineage societies, however, it would seem that "getting there is half the fun." Not all who trace their roots back find they have an ancestor born in New England in colonial times, but the trip back through the generations is nevertheless a fascinating and fulfilling one.

SUFFIELD CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Sponsored By Friends Of The Kent Memorial Library)

Mon., Jan. 10: Emergency Aid Assoc. board meeting, 1 p.m., Clinic Bldg.; Fire drill, 7 p.m., Central Firehouse; Jaycee Women, 7:30 - for information, call 668-5625; Board of Finance, 7:30, Town Hall; Prayer Mtg., 8, Sacred Heart Church. All are welcome.

Tues., Jan. 11: Women's Club mtg. on sewing, 12:30, Kent Library; Rotary, 6, Suffield Inn; Boy Scout Troop 260, St. Joseph's Hall, 7 p.m.; Library Commission, 7:30; Housing Authority, 7:30, Town Hall Annex; Social Services Commission, 7:30, Town Hall; Water Pollution Control Authority, 7:30, Town Hall.

Wed., Jan. 12: Child & Family Services Thrift Shop, 35 Mountain Rd., open 10-3:30 Wed. & Thurs. and 10-1 on Fri. & Sat.; Mapleton Literary Club, 2, Central Firehouse; Athletic Booster Club, 7:30, SHS caf.; Police Commission, 7:30, Town Hall; St. Joseph's Rosary Guild, 7:30, Church Hall; Suffield Grange 27, East St. Firehouse, 8 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 13: Prepared Childbirth class, 7, Emergency Aid Assoc. Bldg.; Suffield Council for the Arts board meeting, 7:30; Ambulance Assoc., 7:30, Town Hall Annex; Selectmen, 7:30, Town Hall.

Fri., Jan. 14: Town Hall & Library closed. Martin Luther King Day.

Emergency Aid Offers Services

Suffield: The Emergency Aid Association will sponsor a blood pressure screening free to all residents of Suffield and West Suffield on Tuesday, January 18th at the EAA Building at 450 South Street at 1:30 p.m.

Due to the holidays, the Well Child Clinic has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 18th, from 10 a.m. to noon. This clinic provides health screenings, physical examinations, and immunizations for children from birth to five years of age. For further information, call 668-0211.

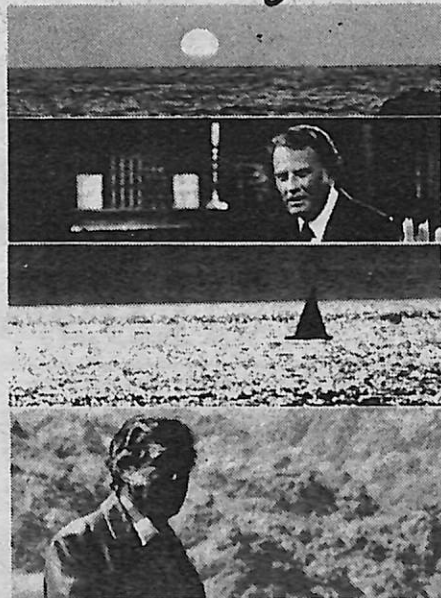
Prepared Childbirth Classes, a series of six classes, are being offered by the EAA (Suffield Visiting Nurses Association). The next series of classes will be held on Monday evenings, February 21st through March 28th, from 7 to 9 p.m. For additional information, call 668-0211.

The Emergency Aid Association would like to extend its sincere appreciation to the individuals and community organizations for their very generous contributions to the pantry shelf and emergency fuel bank. Such generosity and continued support will make the months ahead brighter for many families in our community.

Women's Club To Meet

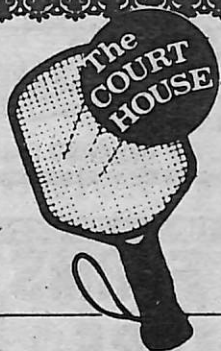
Suffield: The Suffield Women's Club will hold a meeting on Tuesday, January 11th, at Kent Memorial Library beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Ruth Reetz, northeast regional manager for White Sewing Machine Company, will speak on "Sewing for the Busy Woman." Erica Grimmeisen and Mildred Hinson are co-chairmen for refreshments.



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Southwick Grange To Meet

The next regular meeting of the Southwick Grange will be on Tuesday, January 11th at 8 p.m. at the Grange Hall. Frederick Hepburn, master, will preside at the business meeting.

The program will consist of two Grange issues: alcohol abuse with Chief of Police Charles Wolfe as guest speaker and regional food security with Gerald Celley in charge.

Refreshments will be served by Margaret Fox, Connie and Eldon Johnson, Geneva Baillieul, and Violet and Earl Daigneau.

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At the last regular meeting, Grange members voted to donate \$1,000 to Noble Hospital and \$100 each to the American Heart Association, the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Mass., the American Lung Association, Goodwill Industries, and to Boy Scouts of America. Children's books were donated to the Handicapped Home External Resource Network in West Springfield.

Southwick Bloodmobile Slated

The Southwick Women's Club will sponsor a bloodmobile on Thursday, January 20th, at the Powder Mill School on Route 57 from 1:30 to 7:30.

With the many accidents which occurred over the holidays, the blood bank is low and needs replenishing. Members of the women's club ask all residents to consider giving belated Christmas presents to those who may need such life-saving aid.

Anyone between the ages of 18 and 65 and in good health are candidates for giving blood. Walk-ins are welcome.

Mapleton Literary Club To Hear Of Emergency Aid

Suffield: The Mapleton Literary Club will meet on Wednesday, January 12th, at the fire station on East Mountain Road. Guest speakers will be Ruth Anastasia, administrator of the Emergency Aid Association, and Sarah Leahy, medical social worker.

Hostesses for the meeting will be Ruth Stiles, Dorothy Gale, Pat Seymour, Ruth Morse, Irene Hamilton, and Bernice Mills.

New Film Series Begins

Suffield: A new film series at the Kent Memorial Library will begin on Wednesday, January 19th, at 7 p.m. Once again films will be based on classic novels or plays.

Part II of the "Now That You've Read The Book..." series will open with the popular *Our Town*. This well-known story of family conflict and drama in a small New England town still remains timely.

A full schedule of the bi-weekly film shows is now available at the library's circulation desk. For more information, call 668-2325.

October Farms Feed Outgrowth Of Putnams

By Cheryl Bruno

Cows mooing, horses neighing, chickens clucking, sheep grazing, corn growing and farmers baling hay - these are the sounds and sights of the community of Southwick. These are the sounds and sights which drew a young couple to this community thirteen years ago.

They settled on North Loomis St. and began working and operating a dairy farm, raising registered holsteins and raising a family of four children (ages 17, 12, 8 and 5 years old). About six years had passed when Richard and Johanna Putnam realized that their community had need of a farm and feed store.

For four years they operated their business, October Farms, out of their home and barns. Three years ago the business moved to a more centrally located site in the old post office on College Highway.

October Farms Feed Store is fast creating its own traditions thanks to the friendly, country-store atmosphere the Putnams have created.

The store not only offers a full line of grain for anything from guinea pigs to cows and horses, and feed for the exotics, such as parrots and peacocks, but also an abundance of free and friendly advice.

Johanna says, "We've learned an awful lot through the years from our friends and customers, and we like to pass it along. People enjoy coming in, placing their orders, and exchanging stories, problems and solutions with one another."

People also enjoy the courteous, homey surroundings, the community-type bulletin board and the fresh eggs that small, local farmers sell through the store.

A new service the Putnams have recently added is a channel through which homes for abandoned or unwanted animals are found.

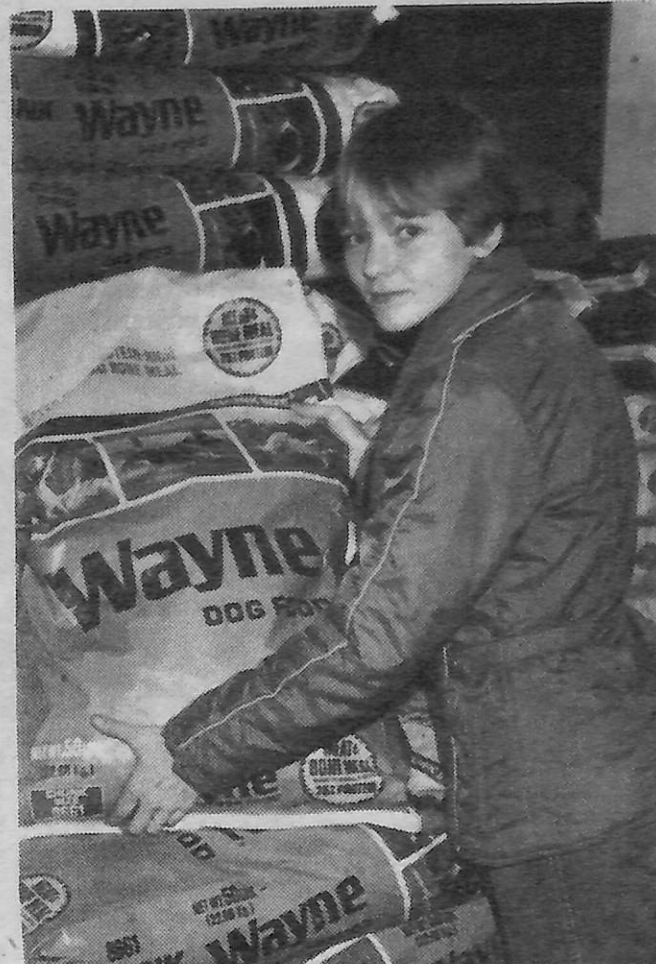
October Farms also carries a complete line of vitamins for all animals and handbooks are available for advice on raising and caring for your small pet or a whole herd.

If you aren't a farmer or even a pet owner, you will still appreciate this store. Custom-made lambskin caps and gloves are crafted by Warren Baker, a local artist, and sold at the store.

Country clothing and boots for the farmer, skier, hunter or outdoorsman can also be purchased at October Farms, and the size range is incredible. You can find what you need in size petite to triple X and tall. Warm bathrobes and turtlenecks, a must for the winter months ahead, are also on sale at very reasonable prices.

A visit to October Farms Feed Store will fill all your farming and pet needs, and provide a friendly spot in which to chat with friends and neighbors.

As a local TV advertisement says, "Knowledgeable, friendly salespeople to serve you, and where have you seen that lately?" At October Farms, a real asset to the community of Southwick.



20-YEAR-OLD MELINDA SLEEPER of M.G.M. Stables of South Longyard Road, Southwick, considers one of fifteen types of dog food for her German shepherd at October Farms Feed Store. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.



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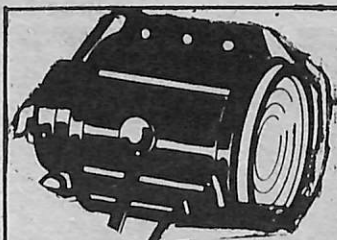
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SPOTLIGHT ON SENIORS

SOUTHWICK SENIOR CITIZENS' MENU

Mon., Jan. 10: Meatloaf w/brown gravy, whipped potato, green beans w/mushrooms, rye bread, applesauce, milk

Tues., Jan. 11: Meat & cheese lasagna, broccoli, carrot & raisin salad, wheat bread, banana, milk

Wed., Jan. 12: Roast turkey w/gravy, stuffing, butternut squash, cranberry sauce, roll, orange, milk

Thurs., Jan. 13: Salisbury steak, buttered noodles, steamed carrots, rye bread, oatmeal cookies, milk

Fri., Jan. 14: Macaroni & cheese & ham, pickled beets, wheat bread, cherry crisp, milk

TRAVEL WITH ISABEL

The 1982 travel season ended with a happy note at the Festival of Lights at the LaSalette Shrine on December 2nd. This was our tenth trip to that spectacular show of lights.

Now being made are 1983 plans for another successful year. Our first event will be a day trip on April 21st to the Sheriden-Marriott Hotel in Mansfield, Mass. A generous portion of good humor and songs and music from the 50's is planned with luncheon menu of roast chicken or scrod. This

trip is being arranged by Charlie Hollbrook. May will find us on another day trip, again with lunch and a show. The date is to be announced.

June 5, 6, and 7 will find us back at the Mountain View House in Whitefield, New Hampshire, and Charlie Hollbrook promises us that the entertainment will top his '82 program. Could it possibly be better?

September will find us in Niagara Falls and Toronto, Canada. Dates will be announced.

Brown's in the Catskills will be our location on November 9, 10, and 11 for our last three-day harrah of the season.

Our final trip for the year will be on December 1st with a return to the LaSalette Shrine and that famous chicken dinner and time for shopping. After ten trips, this remains the favorite trip of our senior tripsters.

Reservations for the above are being taken at this time. For further information, call Mrs. Richard Root, 569-6042.

SUFFIELD SENIOR CITIZENS' ACTIVITIES

On Monday, January 10th, our fitness/aerobics class will take place from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Spaulding School to help seniors keep physically fit and to reduce stress.

Class in introduction to stenciling on a small wooden picture frame will take place on this Monday and on the 17th at 1 p.m. at Maple Court Hall. Fee is \$3 and interested seniors are asked to call 668-0238 for reservations.

On Tuesday, January 11th, the regular

bowling group will meet at Bradley Bowl from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Classes in needlepoint will take place at the Suffield Recreation Department on Monday's beginning January 17th, 7-8:30 p.m. Fee of \$5 covers materials.

Classes in quilting will be given at the Central Firehouse on Mountain Road from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays. Fee of \$20 will be charged and no knowledge of quilting is necessary, though basic skills in sewing are helpful.

On Wednesday, January 12th, the soup kitchen luncheon will be held at Maple Court Hall at noon. Donation is \$1, and reservations would be appreciated. Call 668-0237. Cards will follow at 1 p.m.

On Thursday, January 13th, miniature golf has been scheduled for 2 p.m.

On Friday, January 14th, macrame will be conducted at 10 a.m. at Maple Court Hall.

Special Films Slated At Maple Court

Suffield: The Kent Memorial Library will present two special films on historic Williamsburg on Wednesday, January 12th, at 10 a.m. at Maple Court.

Silversmiths of Williamsburg completely explains the methods of craftspeople in colonial times. Shapes and decorations of silver items from the 19th century are displayed, and techniques are demonstrated in careful steps.

Williamsburg Sampler is a cross-section of the varied appeal of the unique restored colonial town. The film explains the architecture, gardens, crafts, music, and furnishing, along with comments from persons who work there today.

Both films are offered free to the general public. Following the films, the Suffield Recreation Department will present a luncheon.

This program is part of the monthly series presented by the library for senior citizens. For more information, call 668-2325.

Local PWP Available To Help Single Parents

Your local Parents Without Partners chapter offers a wide range of activities to help the single parent and family live a better life. Activities range from family events to discussions, dances, and trips and are always fun or interesting.

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Orientation sessions are held every Thursday at 8:30 p.m. at the Polish-American Club, 139 Southwick Street (Route 57), Feeding Hills. Single parents from the Agawam, Southwick, and Suffield area are welcome to attend to find out more about this social, educational, supportive organization. Further information may be obtained by calling Myrt Meunier, vice-president, at (413) 562-5039.

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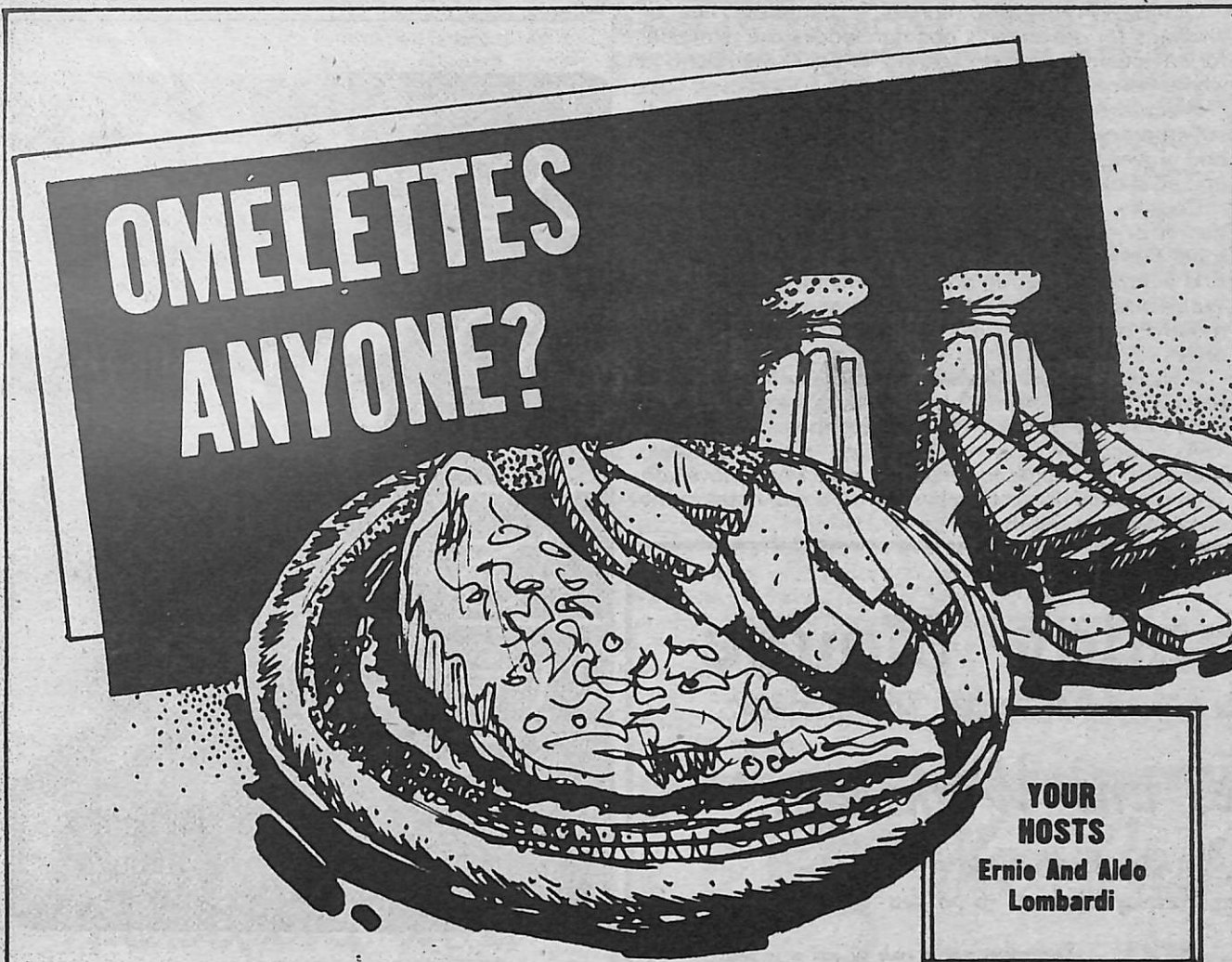
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School News

SOUTHWICK SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

POWDER MILL SCHOOL

Mon., Jan. 10: Hamburger on roll, sliced cheese, potato rounds, fruit, milk

Tues., Jan. 11: Chilled juice, veal cutlet grinder, shredded cheese, vegetable sticks, jello, milk

Wed., Jan. 12: Fried fish, french fries, cole slaw, bread, peanut butter, cookies, milk

Thurs., Jan. 13: Country style beef stew w/vegetables, cheese fingers, bread & butter, gingerbread, milk

Fri., Jan. 14: Chicken noodle soup, hot ham & cheese on seeded roll, vegetable sticks, applecrisp, milk

WOODLAND SCHOOL

Monday: Same as Powder Mill

Tuesday: Tomato rice soup, tuna salad sandwich, cheese fingers, vegetable sticks, cherry crisp, milk

Wednesday: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, Popeye salad, French bread, fruit cup, milk

Thursday: Same as Powder Mill

Friday: Oven fried fish, potato rounds, green beans, cookie, milk

Southwick Adult Ed. Classes To Begin This Month

George LeBlanc, director of Southwick's Adult Evening School, has announced that the eight-week winter session of courses will begin on January 31st with an in-person registration set for the evenings of January 24th and 25th.

Brochures and course details will be available shortly in town offices, schools, library, and area banks and stores.

For more information, contact LeBlanc at Powder Mill School, 569-5951.



POWDER MILL SCHOOL STUDENTS PETER LEMIEUX & JAYNE MESSENGER review a bulletin board that provides background information about the home of Mark Twain in Hartford. The students toured the historic site as part of a pre-holiday field trip. 120 students learned of customs and lifestyles experienced by Twain and Harriet Beecher Stowe, another famous author. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Powder Mill Students Tour Historic Homes

By Marsha Ramah

Southwick: In a pre-holiday excursion, Powder Mill School eighth graders toured the homes of Mark Twain and Harriet Beecher Stowe in Hartford. Over a three-day period, approximately 120 students learned of customs and lifestyles experienced by both famous Americans through 45-minute guided tours which pointed out the beauties of each house and provided background on each individual.

Arranged by students and teacher Ms. Pat Clem in conjunction with their English classes, the trip was organized in relation to some of the works of each author, particularly Twain.

Twain's billiard room at the Hartford mansion proved of great interest to local youngsters. In this room, Twain did much of his personal entertaining as well as a lot of his writing.

In visiting his home, students are exposed to a different side of Twain than can be gleaned simply by reading his books. They can walk through his rooms and view personal objects which represent his private life. They can see him as a husband and father.

The same is true when visiting the home of Harriet Beecher Stowe. Students gained considerable insight into her personal life and her connection with the story told in *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.

Classes from Southwick have been visiting these two homes for five years because Ms. Clem enjoys taking her students and helping them appreciate the two authors studied in class. Prior to the trip, they viewed a movie and a television tape on Mark Twain. They also familiarized themselves with the two homes so as to be aware of their many attractions.

Parents and teachers served as chaperones, though behavior has never been a problem, according to Ms. Clem.

"I am always proud of the students," she said. "They represent Southwick well and are extremely polite."

The students were also very inquisitive and asked several pertinent questions regarding the authors as both individuals and as writers. According to Ms. Clem, they became very involved in the tours, which she annually schedules around Christmas time because they are beautifully decorated then.

Ms. Clem has found that when students get caught up in the lives of Twain and Stowe, they enjoy their works even more. Avid readers cannot wait to visit the library at the school to check out many of Twain's works, in particular.

Almost equally as much fun, she concludes, is rehashing the class trip and examining anew the lives of these two important contributors to American literature.

SUFFIELD SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Mon., Jan. 10: Frankfurt in roll, cheese stick, vegetarian beans, apple, milk

Tues., Jan. 11: Tacos, lettuce and tomato cups, green beans, fiesta gelatin, milk

Wed., Jan. 12: Antipasto, spaghetti w/meat sauce, hot Italian bread, tangerines, milk

Thurs., Jan. 13: Chicken teriyaki, steamed rice, stir-fried vegetables, fruit cup, fortune cookie, milk

Fri., Jan. 14: Vegetable soup, meatball grinder, peaches or raisins, milk

Kent Library Slates Story Hours For PreSchoolers

Suffield: Kent Memorial Library will hold story hours for preschoolers from January 19th through February 23rd. Pre-registration is necessary and began last Wednesday.

Story hours will be on Wednesdays at the following times: 10 a.m. for 3-5 year olds; 11 a.m. for 2½ year olds; 11:30 for 2½ year olds; and 1 p.m. for 3-5 year olds.

For further information on late registration, call the library at 668-2325.

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SUFFIELD HIGH SCHOOL VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURAL instructor Rick Jensen demonstrates proper procedures for cleaning a woodstove chimney to senior Andy Palmer in preparation for next Tuesday's community education seminar at the school. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Suffield Vo-Ag Center Hopes To Increase Woodstove Awareness

By Karen Carlson

Suffield: To increase the public's knowledge of woodstove chimney problems, Suffield High School's Vocational Agricultural Center along with the Suffield Fire Department will offer a workshop, "Creosote and Your Chimney," at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 11th at the school's vo-ag center.

The bulk of the program will be devoted to discussions and demonstrations of the causes of creosote build-up, how to reduce it, chimney inspection and cleaning. Firemen Doug Grabowski and Bob Zavisa will instruct the woodstove and emergency procedures to follow should a chimney fire occur.

According to Rick Jensen, a vo-ag instructor and natural resources specialist, a chimney should be cleaned three times a year if wood is the primary heating source.

By monitoring and regulating stack temperatures, creosote buildup can be reduced. The use of chimney thermometers will be discussed and they will be on sale.

"Chimney fires are one of the leading problems in town," comments Grabowski. Nationally, the fires caused by solid fire-burning appliances accounted for 22 percent of all residential fires in 1980, according to the July 1982 issue of **National Fire Incident Reporting System News**. Hopefully, this community information program will help to reduce the escalating number of chimney fires in Suffield.

[To aid Suffield residents with their chimney maintenance the vo-ag center has five chimney brushes with extension poles available for 48-hour loan. Those interested should call Jensen at the vo-ag center (668-5355) to secure the brushes. A \$10.00 deposit is required and only Suffield residents are eligible.]

Teens Plan Trip To France

The first meeting for teenagers 14-18 years old who are interested in planning a trip to France on June 25th will take place for them and their parents on Thursday, January 13th, at 7:30 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church in Windsor.

This trip is being offered under the auspices of the Tobacco Valley Branch of the YMCA.

The group will meet on a regular basis prior to the trip to finalize plans, study the culture, and correspond with their host families.

For additional information, call (203) 242-0786.



Suffield: We all hope that everyone had a healthy and happy holiday and that you, like our students and staff, are ready to resume your activities with renewed energy and enthusiasm.

Don't look now, but the first semester is rapidly drawing to a close. Actually there are only six regular days of classes remaining, as finals begin on Tuesday, January 18th, with a B period exam scheduled for 8:45. The entire exam schedule will be squeaking along next week.

Any student who has work to make up or assignments due should use these next few days wisely. Seniors trying to complete courses required for graduation must be particularly careful to get their work done, or risk loss of grades and credit. Also, they

should check with the counselor to make certain their Semester II schedule is in order, if they haven't already done so.

Good news to students and parents of Asnuntuck's Vo-Tech and Shared-Timer's. Both the machine-tool and the electronics programs will be offered at the 170 Elm Street campus, beginning Monday, January 10th. Home at last!

Words Of Wisdom/

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January 18: Exams start at high school.

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Sports/Recreation

Southwick Girls Soar To 5-1 Start

By Bob Hrycay

Southwick High girls basketball Coach Jim Vincent celebrated his birthday in grand style last Thursday courtesy of Cindy Lapan and the rest of her Ram teammates.

Lapan ripped apart lowly Belchertown for 32 points to lead the homestanding Rams to 69-18 laughter in their league opener. The win upped their overall record to 5-1.

Enjoying a post-game birthday cake presented by Lapan and company, Vincent mused, "You can say that I'm Cindy's point total plus ten."

While Vincent and his troops relaxed afterwards, the Rams were all business in the first quarter, ramping to a 10-0 lead behind a pair of baskets by Lapan and guard Emma Brunton and a singleton by Robin Schools.

Lapan added three more hoops in the opening period to finish with ten points to push the locals to a comfortable 18-6 lead, and for all intents and purposes, the ballgame was history.

Lapan drove for four more markers in the second quarter, 11 in the third and seven in the final eight minutes for her final count of 32. Joining her in the scorebook were Alison Hiers with 10, Avola Brown with eight, and Brunton with six. Lauri Gingras paced the meager Oriole offense with nine.

Noting that Lapan did most of her damage off steals and quick layups, Vincent chimed, "We displayed some quickness on our fast breaks." The Orioles turned the ball over 17 times to the pressing Rams in the first half alone, providing the locals with plenty of easy scoring opportunities.

With his team well in front throughout, Vincent gave plenty of court-time to some of his youngsters, and for the most part, liked what he saw.

"Beth Jenks did a good job off the boards and Vicki Towle showed some good moves toward the hoop," he said.

Commenting on the team's performance during the young campaign, the coach said he'd like to see more shooting from the outside. "It would open up the inside for Avola. Teams collapse on her."

The Rams' shooting has picked up during each game. They popped at a 41 percent clip in a 48-32 win over Palmer and easily topped that mark against the Orioles.

But defense has been the key in the Rams early success, and few apply the all-court press like Brunton, Hiers, and Lapan. "Our opponents lack of offense is due to our pressing defense, which doesn't allow much time for good shots," said Vincent. The most points the Rams have allowed so far were 51 in an overtime win over Mohawk.

The lady Rams travel to Holyoke's Peck Junior High for a Tuesday afternoon showdown with division rival Holyoke Catholic and will be back home Thursday against Granby.

Stetson Arnold's junior varsity Rams kept on rolling Thursday night, crushing Belchertown 34-8 to increase their record to 6-0. Freshman center Paula Alexson, who Arnold says "is going to be awesome," paced the Rams with 12 points. Sophomore guard Kim Scavetta was the hero in a 33-32 squeaker over Palmer, capping a pair of clutch-free throws with seconds remaining. Holly Balfour pumped in 10 points to earn scoring honors.



MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHWICK HIGH GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM are, back row - from left - Wendy Champigney, Amy Buy, Beth Jenks, Robin Schools, Avola Brown, Vicki Towle and Emma Brunton. Front row - Karen Friss, Deb DeRay, Renee Duval, Alison Hiers, and Cindy Lapan. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Rams Bomb Monson In Big E Division Win

By Bob Hrycay

Using a pressing defense that shutdown their much taller foes, the Southwick High boys basketball team bounced to its biggest victory of the year, a 59-41 over Division E foe Monson at Southwick last Tuesday.

A pair of sophomores, guard Jim Bruno and forward Mark Gibson helped spark a second half comeback. Bruno came off the bench and popped for 18 points to lead the Ram attack.

Gibson, making his first start, finished with 11. He and junior center Darryl Leveille (14 points) along with Stu Arnold put the clamp on the Mustangs' pair of high-scoring bigmen, Allen Hall and Joe Plante.

This duo were held to a mere eight and six points respectively, as the Rams outscored the Mustangs 27-14 in the second half. During one stretch Hall misfired on seven straight hoops.

The win upped the Rams' league record to 2-1 (2-3 overall) going into this past Friday's game at Palmer, and Coach Bob Lawless believes big things are in store for his team the rest of the season.

"My kids are getting a feel for the ballgame," he said, crediting the game-by-game improvement of sophomore center Jason Lobo, Gibson, Leveille, and Bruno. Lobo and Leveille were key factors in a 61-40 win in the Rams' league opener over Hampshire December 28th.

The Rams' centers controlled the boards the entire contest while the locals converted 23 of 30 tosses from the charity stripe. Guards Todd Typrowicz and Kevin Wilson paced the attack with 18 and 12 points, respectively.

The Rams suffered their initial league loss at Holyoke Catholic by a 53-47 count December 30th. This one was close all the way, but poor foul shooting late in the contest sealed the Rams' doom. Gael center Sean O'Connell ripped the cords for 20 points, while Mike Molta and Bruno shared scoring honors with 10 apiece.

In future ballgames Lawless expects to continue to go with multiple lineups, saying, "It gives us more flexibility and better overall depth."

For instance, Molta has started at both guard and forward and his jumping ability has helped tremendously to stifle opposing bigmen. Molta will have to play an even bigger role on the boards, due to a nagging foot injury to starting forward Stu Arnold, who is expected to be sidelined for several games.

Lawless' hoopsters will have to be sharp Tuesday night, as they travel to Westfield for their first battle with arch-rival St. Mary's. Lawless promises this one to be "one of the toughest ballgames we'll play all year." The Rams will be back home Friday night against Belchertown.

ATTENTION HUNTERS!!!

Suffield: Suffield Town Clerk's office announces the deadline for the State and Private Land Wild Turkey Season is February 1, 1983. The deadline for submitting applications to hunt deer on state-owned land is March 15, 1983.

Sportsmen are asked to note that the applications for the wild turkey season are blue and white and the consent forms to hunt turkey are green. The deer season applications are salmon, green, and yellow and the consent forms to hunt deer are white. Please be sure to pick up the proper applications and consent forms for the season requested, as they are NOT interchangeable.

Southwick Institutes Adult Open Gym

The Southwick Park and Recreation Commission, in conjunction with the Southwick Education Association, which has donated \$300 to the program, has initiated an adult open gym program for residents of Southwick.

The program has already begun and will continue on Tuesday evenings through March 15th at Powder Mill School from 6:30 to 9:30.

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Southwick Grapplers Blanked Twice

By Bob Hrycay

Pitted against a pair of Western Mass. powers, East Longmeadow and Quabbin, the shorthanded Southwick High wrestling team shot a volley of blanks.

Already forfeiting 18 points per match because they have nobody competing in the 100, 107, and 157 weight divisions, the Ram grapplers were short two more men against Quabbin at home last Tuesday.

Given an automatic 30 points, the visitors pinned six of the remaining Ram wrestlers while drubbing the locals 69-0. Only senior 147-pounder Dan Cook was able to go the distance, falling 9-5 to Dan Prentiss.

Cook was missing from a home match against the Spartans on December 28th (giving the locals four forfeits) and the Rams suffered a similar 69-0 loss.

With his team standing at 1-3 before a road match with Ludlow this past Friday, Southwick Coach Bob Thompson is looking for his grapplers to regain the winning touch they displayed in their opener against Amherst.

"Some of these kids have the potential if they reach down and find it. Cook, Dave DeRay, Jeff Hale, and Rich Tingley should all be wrestling better," he said.

Quickness, setting up for takedowns, and several of the basics are some of the things Thompson will be working on with his boys in practice before the Rams again take to the mats for a meet.

The Rams go for their second win of the young season at Hopkins Academy Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. Thompson's boys will be home on Saturday, January 15th to face Frontier at 1 p.m.



PICTURED WITH THE COACHING STAFF are members of the 1982-83 Suffield High varsity hockey team. Team members are - Steve Gorman, Bob Heyse, Gary Heyse, Jim Hughes, Rich Dilko, Steve Galetta, Mark Kuchachik, Todd Phelps, Matt Coppolo, Rusty Colson, Peter Mann, Joe Carrieri, Geoff Gun, Billy Carney, Tim Milligan, Claude Dion, and Brien Penland. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Wildcat Skaters Enjoy Holidays

By Mary Beth Prew

Suffield: Suffield Hockey boys rounded up two more victories over Christmas vacation. The Suffield team first topped Glastonbury 2 to 1 at South Windsor. The Wildcats displayed their aggression from the face-off, as Rich Dilko snapped one in only sixteen seconds into play. Bill Carney and Mark Kuhachik aided their fellow teammate on the goal.

In the second period, Glastonbury's John Finnigan popped one in, but not without some feedback from the Suffield defensive linemen. Matt Coppolo, Bob Heyse, Gary Heyse, Mark Kuhachik and Tim Milligan are all to be congratulated for their combined attack on the Glastonbury team.

The back line showed their strength, and, with their fore-checking, the defense took the puck all the way up the ice to set up the offensive game. Suffield defenseman Bob Heyse smacked in his first goal of the year one minute into the third period. Then the Suffield goaltender, Steve Gorman, held off the Glastonbury team through the buzzer. Gorman achieved twenty saves during the game as Suffield drilled the Glastonbury goal 39 times.

The Wildcats came back New Year's Eve to conquer the Wethersfield Eagles 5 to 2 after a triumphant third period.

The Cats swatted only once at the Eagles in the first period, when Bill Carney connected on a pass from Joe Carrieri.

Into the second period, Eagles Mike Mahoney and Alan Byrne each dropped a surprise on the Suffield goal. Assists on these shots were given by Tom Oblak and Walter Fontana.

Although the Wildcats were down 1 to 2 going into the third period, they ended their 1982 year with a bang. "We really came alive in the third period," exclaimed Suffield defenseman Bob Heyse.

Only three minutes into play, Geoff Gunn tallied on assists from Joe Carrieri and Mark Kuhachik. Not even a minute later, Rich Dilko placed his puck on a power play from Bob Heyse and Ted Varholak. The Wildcats were now leading, but further secured their victory with goals from Tim Milligan and Geoff Gunn. Helping their teammates on the shots were Bill Carney, Bob Heyse, Todd Phelps, and Ted Varholak.

Steve Gorman, the Wildcat goalie, made twenty saves during the evening, while the Suffield team edged fourteen more shots on goal than the Eagles, during the game.

Suffield goes up against the Enfield team at the Enfield Rinks, Saturday, January 8, at 1 p.m. Then, the Wildcats meet the Fermi Falcons at the Twin Rinks January 12, at 9:30 p.m.



SUFFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

There are still openings in all gymnastics classes being offered by the Suffield Recreation Department. Classes in tumblebuns, basic and intermediate gymnastics will begin on Saturday, January 8th and continue for ten weeks.

As part of the department's winter program, some varied and unique arts and crafts classes are being offered. Among those with openings still available are basket weaving, seat weaving (caning), quilting, doll-making, and stained glass.

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Suffield Outduels Windsor In Overtime Thriller, 59-57

By Mary Beth Prew

Suffield: The Wildcats chased the Windsor Locks Raiders around the court and into overtime for a Suffield victory, 59-57. The two basketball teams met December 30th in the Suffield High School gymnasium.

Being on their home court inspired the locals. At the half, Suffield was ahead of its rival, 26 to 20. However, by the end of the third quarter, Windsor Locks had acquired more points than Suffield. The score was 40 to 34.

Roger Hawes was Suffield's redeemer in the fourth quarter. He tallied eight points for the Wildcats during this time. He tied up the game with an awesome shot at ten seconds to go.

Hawes performed again to make four of Suffield's seven points in overtime. This Northern Central Connecticut League leader tallied 23 against Locks.

Ted Lyons entertained the fans with his famous chip shot from outside the key, earning 16 points. He is now ranked seventh in the league. Russell Fricke also created a disturbance for the Raiders, sighting 11 points. David Sullivan chalked up six points, while teammate Larry Lopez dunked four points.

The Windsor Locks leading scorer was Glen Flanders. Suffield's Coach Aniello felt that the Wildcats put up a stiff defense and halted Flanders on many of his attempts. In the future, the coach expects to see a more equal distribution of points among his players. However, he thought that his team "played with confidence."

Aniello explains, "It is nice to get a win under our belts, and we are fortunate to get over that hump." The last three teams that Suffield played were the pick of the crop from the State Class 5 league. So, now the Wildcats are looking forward to some local victories. The team's next outing will be January 11th at Granby High School, followed by an encounter with the Somers team at Somers High School on January 14th.

Clock Controversy Hurts Suffield Girls

By Amanda Hastings

Over the holiday season, Suffield's girls varsity basketball team found little joy and cheer on the court. Their record dipped to 3-5 following losses to Somers and Windsor Locks on December 22 and 30, and most recently, a disputed loss on January 4th at Hartford's Public High.

It was the Hartford contest which upset Suffield the most as the final seconds tainted what had been an outstanding game.

With Suffield leading 30-29 with seven seconds showing on the clock, a timeout was called. When play resumed, approximately five seconds of play elapsed but the game clock failed to move as the timer had failed to push the re-start button.

One Suffield player immediately brought this to the attention of Coach Robert Cecchini who in turn protested to the officials. The official declared that he was watching the action on the court and not the clock and ruled that seven seconds remained.

This gave Public enough time to run down the floor and set up a desperation play. With one second remaining, Suffield committed a foul sending a Hartford gal to the charity stripe.

Both foul shots were made and instead of their second victory of the season over Public, Suffield was sent packing, 32-31.

"Heartbreaking," is the way Cecchini described the sudden turn of events. "We led them all the way and it was heartbreaking to lose it that way."

Suffield had led 12-0 after the first quarter but Hartford turned the tables on the locals by shutting them out in period two to climb back into the thick of things at 14-12.

Missy Wentworth was on top for the Cats with 17 points, followed by Kathy Leahan with 11.

Tracey Stone, Kathy Spence and Valerie Neal each bagged eight for Hartford.

In games against Somers and Windsor Locks, the locals fared no better.

Somers got out in front of the Wildcats quickly, leading by 11 points at the half. Suffield went on a run and came within six but had difficulty with turnovers and were also plagued with foul trouble.

In the end, Somers came out with a convincing 54-41 victory behind Chris Oswell and Lynn Hancock, who scored 27 and 12 points, respectively. Suffield's Kathy Leahan racked up 16 points followed by Wentworth and Meg Glime with 11 and 10 points, respectively. Beth Glime and Debbie Lownds chipped in two apiece for the Cats.

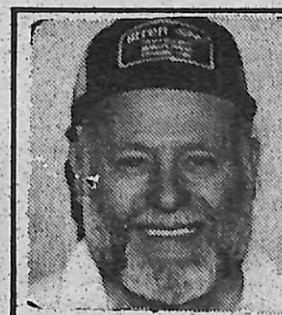
Windsor Locks was another story. A non-league opponent, Locks proved too powerful for the Suffield quintet, posting a 52-37 victory.

"We tried a defensive change, but got into foul trouble. Two of our girls fouled out," said Cecchini. "However, we were down by only five at the three quarter mark. Locks' Wendy Davies is 6-2 and one of her teammates is 5-11. Our tallest girl is 5-9 and the height disadvantage really hurt us."

Davies launched 26 markers, followed by Sue Tremblay with 16. Meg Glime came out on top for Suffield, scoring 16 points from her shooting guard position.

Amidst all of these disappointments, Suffield did have one shining moment by defeating East Windsor, a team they had lost to earlier in the season. Overcoming their past record against the Panthers, the Cats sharpened their claws and vanquished their opponents, 39-24. Wentworth led all scorers with 15 aided by Beth Glime and Kathy Leahan with seven each.

"We're still learning," said Suffield's skipper. "We hope to pull a few more surprises and we're still looking to reach our goals."



SPORTSMEN'S CORNER

By Bill Chiba

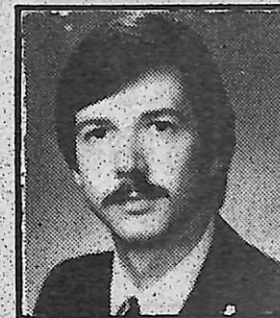
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By Peter Forastiere
Colonial Funeral Chapel

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Remember your friend on weekends, holidays and special family times. These occasions are often painful and full of memories for the bereaved individual. Invite him or her to join you on an outing, for a movie, or just a quiet evening visiting or watching television. At first you may get a lot of refusals. Your friend may not feel up to socializing, and it's important not to be insistent at this time. Just try to understand and offer again later.

Over a period of months, your friend will start making some plans for his or her new life, and will feel like socializing and getting back into the mainstream of life. And when this happens, you'll realize how much your presence and caring has meant to your friend, and how valuable it has been to simply keep the channels of communication open. That's the real value of what you can do, when there's apparently nothing to do.

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By The Suffield Firemen's Association, Inc.



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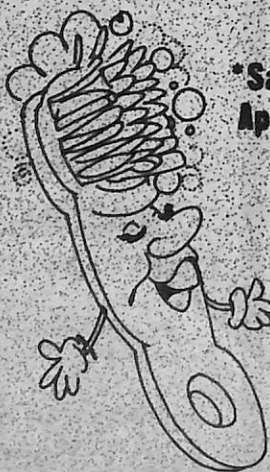
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21 Total income. Add amounts in column for lines 7 through 20. 19b 20 21 24,000 -

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29 Other adjustments—see page 12

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